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19	WILLIAMS-SONOMA, INC.,	Case No.: 18-cv-07548-AGT
20	Plaintiff,	FURTHER JOINT CASE
21	V.	MANAGEMENT STATEMENT
22	AMAZON.COM, INC.,	Date: April 24, 2020 Time: 10:00 am.
23	Defendant.	Ctrm: Telephonic Judge: Alex G. Tse
24	Detendant.	Judge. Alex O. 18c
25		Complaint Filed: December 14, 2018
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FURTHER CASE MANAGEMENT STATEMENT

Pursuant to Civil L.R. 16-10(d), the Court's January 13, 2020 Minute Order, March 30, 2020 Notice Re Mandatory Telephonic Appearances, and the Standing Order For All Judges of the Northern District of California, Plaintiff Williams-Sonoma, Inc. ("WSI") and Defendant Amazon.com, Inc. ("Amazon") (collectively, "the Parties"), by and through undersigned counsel, jointly submit this Further Joint Case Management Statement.

1. <u>JURISDICTION AND SERVICE</u>

This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over WSI's Patent Act and Lanham Act claims pursuant to federal question jurisdiction, 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1338. This Court has supplemental jurisdiction over the claims arising under California state law pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367. No issues exist as to personal jurisdiction or venue. WSI served the Complaint and Summons on Amazon. Dkt. 12. Amazon accepted service of the Complaint. No other parties remain to be served.

2. <u>FACTS</u>

WSI began operating an online storefront under the name WILLIAMS SONOMA in 1999, and it owns federal trademark registrations covering the provision of certain retail services under the WILLIAMS SONOMA mark. WSI claims that its rights in the name WILLIAMS SONOMA are infringed by the way that Williams Sonoma goods are displayed when they are listed for resale by third parties on Amazon.com and by the way the WILLIAMS SONOMA mark is used in Amazon.com advertising. WSI does not sell its goods on Amazon.com directly.

WSI also sells items under its "west elm" brand, including its ORB chair, for which it also has a design patent (Patent No. D815452), and its SLOPE chair. Among the items Amazon has sold are the "Rivet Modern Upholstered Orb Office Chair" and a "Rivet Industrial Slope Top-Grain Leather Swivel Office Chair." WSI claims trademark rights in the terms ORB and SLOPE.

On December 14, 2018, WSI filed a Complaint alleging seven causes of action against Amazon based on the manner in which certain Williams Sonoma items are advertised, offered for sale, and sold on Amazon.com and Amazon's sale of the Rivet Modern Upholstered Orb Office Chair and the Rivet Industrial Slope Top-Grain Leather Swivel Office Chair. Those causes of

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action are for: (1) infringement of the '452 Patent, (2) federal trademark infringement and trademark counterfeiting under Section 32(1) of the Lanham Act, (3) federal trademark dilution of the WILLIAMS SONOMA mark, (4) unfair competition under Section 43(A) of the Lanham Act, (5) common law unfair competition/trademark infringement, (6) dilution under California law, and (7) violation of California unfair competition law. Dkt. 1.

On June 3, 2019, the Parties stipulated to a request by WSI for leave to amend its Complaint to add claims that certain other items sold by Amazon under its "Rivet" furniture line infringe WSI's Patent Nos. D818,750, D836,822, and D836,823 for a table, a floor lamp, and a table lamp, respectively. Dkt. 49. The Court granted the stipulation and WSI amended its Complaint to add four additional patent infringement claims on June 21, 2019. Dkts. 50 & 51. In total, WSI asserts that the following five Amazon Rivet products infringe its design patents: (1) the Rivet Modern Upholstered Orb Office Chair (the "Rivet Orb Chair"); (2) the Rivet Retro Two-Orb Tree Lamp (the "Rivet Tree Lamp"); (3) the Rivet Modern Glass Globe and Modern Table Lamp (the "Rivet Table Lamp"); and (4) the Rivet Bowlyn Mid-Century Coffee Table (the "Rivet Bowlyn Coffee Table"); and (5) the Rivet Mid-Century Modern White Marble and Walnut Coffee Table, 24" (the "Rivet Marble and Walnut Coffee Table").

On March 20, 2020 WSI filed a Motion for Leave to File a Supplemental Complaint. Dkt. 92. WSI is seeking to add a copyright infringement claim. Amazon has opposed the motion, and it is set for hearing on April 24, 2020. Dkt. 95.

3. LEGAL ISSUES:

The Parties identify the following disputed points of law at this time:

- Whether Amazon has infringed the '452, '750, '822, and '823 Patents (35 U.S.C. § 271);
- Whether the '452, '750, '822, and '823 Patents are invalid;
- Whether Amazon has used a counterfeit of WSI's registered WILLIAMS
 SONOMA service mark in connection with online retail services (15 U.S.C. § 1114(1));

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1		•	Whether Amazon has used the WILLIAMS SONOMA mark in a manner likely to
2			cause confusion as to the affiliation, connection, or association between Amazon
3			and WSI, or as to the origin, sponsorship, or approval of the sale of WSI's goods,
4			retail services, or commercial activities via Amazon.com (15 U.S.C. § 1125(a));
5		•	Whether Amazon's display of the WILLIAMS SONOMA mark on its website and
6			in advertising, to the extent it is used in connection with third-parties' re-sale of
7			WILLIAMS SONOMA branded goods, is protected by the first sale doctrine or by
8			the doctrine of nominative fair use;
9		•	Whether the WILLIAMS SONOMA mark is famous and whether Amazon has
10			used the WILLIAMS SONOMA mark in a manner that has diluted the mark (15
11			U.S.C. § 1125(c); Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 14200 et seq.);
12		•	Whether WSI owns common law trademarks in SLOPE and ORB and whether
13			Amazon has infringed any rights of WSI in SLOPE and ORB;
14		•	Whether Amazon has engaged in unfair competition (15 U.S.C. § 1125(a); Cal.
15			Bus. Prof. Code § 17200, et seq.);
16		•	Whether Amazon's actions were willful;
17		•	Whether WSI is entitled to compensation, disgorgement of profits, corrective
18			advertising, or other damages for any proven trademark counterfeiting, trademark
19			infringement, trademark dilution, patent infringement, unfair competition, and if
20			so, the amount;
21		•	Whether WSI is entitled to injunctive relief (15 U.S.C. § 1116; 35 U.S.C. § 283);
22		•	Whether any Party is entitled to statutory damages for use of a counterfeit mark,
23			treble damages, attorneys' fees, and costs, and if so, the amount (15 U.S.C. § 1117
24			35 U.S.C. § 285).
25		If WS	I's Supplemental Complaint is allowed, there will be additional disputed issues.
26	4.	MOT	<u>IONS</u>
27		Motio	on for Leave to File Supplemental Complaint
28		On Ma	arch 20, 2020 WSI filed its Motion for Leave to File a Supplemental Complaint to
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add a copyright claim. Dkt. 92. Amazon filed its Opposition on April 3, 2020. Dkt. 97. WSI filed its Reply on April 10, 2020. Dkt. 99. The Court granted Amazon leave to file its Sur-reply on April 15, 2020. Dkt. 101. This motion is fully briefed and currently pending before the Court, set to be heard on April 24, 2020. Dkt. 95.

5. <u>AMENDMENT OF PLEADINGS</u>

As detailed above, WSI is seeking to supplement its Complaint to add a copyright claim. Dkt. 92. The Motion for Leave to File a Supplemental Complaint is currently fully briefed and pending before the Court, set to be heard on April 24, 2020. Dkt. 95.

6. EVIDENCE PRESERVATION

On June 13, 2019, the Parties filed a Stipulated Protective Order for this case. The Court granted the Protective Order on June 14, 2019. The Parties further stipulated to an ESI order on September 18, 2019, which the Court granted on September 23, 2019.

7. DISCLOSURES

The Parties timely complied with the initial disclosure requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 26 and have supplemented their initial disclosures.

8. STATUS OF DISCOVERY

On May 15, 2019, the Court issued a Case Management and Pretrial Order limiting the Parties to 30 interrogatories and 10 depositions, including up to 14 hours of 30(b)(6) deposition, without prejudice to seeking leave for further depositions to the extent permissible under the Federal Rules. Dkt. 46. Since then, the Parties have engaged in discovery. The Parties have propounded document requests and entered into an ESI protocol pursuant to which both Parties have produced a substantial number of documents. To date, WSI has produced 45,291 pages of documents and Amazon has produced 37,547 pages of documents. WSI has propounded 25 interrogatories on Amazon, and Amazon has propounded 22 interrogatories on WSI. WSI has taken more than 15 hours of 30(b)(6) depositions on how the Amazon platform works. Amazon served its 30(b)(6) deposition notice on WSI in December, but has not yet taken any 30(b)(6) depositions. WSI has also served an additional 30(b)(6) deposition notice. The Parties are conferring with respect to (1) whether and how much additional 30(b)(6) deposition time will be

1	allotted to the parties, and (2) scheduling the remaining depositions, which have been delayed in		
2	light of the difficulties posed by the pandemic, shelter-in-place orders, as well as ongoing		
3	settlement efforts. The Parties have yet to take any individual fact witness depositions but have		
4	informally identified a number of individuals for deposition. Finally, the Parties have each served		
5	several third-party subpoenas.		
6	Further, as discussed above, the Court has granted the Parties' Motion to Extend all Case		
7	Deadlines. Dkt. 94. The Parties have numerous outstanding depositions which have been		
8	unforeseeably delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the inability of the Parties to travel to or		
9	from Seattle where Amazon is located, and more recently the more extensive shelter-in-place		
10	orders. The Parties are also in continuing settlement discussions following a March 10 Settlement		
11	Conference before Judge Spero, they had a follow up call with Judge Spero on April 7, 2020, and		
12	they have a further conference scheduled on April 30, 2020.		
13	9. <u>CLASS ACTION:</u>		
14	This litigation is not a class action.		
15	10. RELATED CASES:		
16	There are no related cases to this litigation.		
17	11. <u>RELIEF</u>		
18	WSI respectfully requests that the Court enter judgment in its favor and award the		
19	following relief:		
20	• Judgment that Amazon willfully infringed the '452, '750, '822, and '823 Patents;		
21	Judgment that Amazon has willfully infringed and counterfeited WSI's registered		
22	WILLIAMS SONOMA Mark;		
23	• Judgment that Amazon has diluted WSI's famous WILLIAMS SONOMA Mark;		
24	Judgment that Amazon has committed unfair competition in violation of the		
25	Lanham Act and state law;		
26	Judgment that Amazon has committed common law trademark infringement in		
27	violation of the Lanham Act and state law;		
28	Judgment that Amazon has committed false endorsement in violation of the		

1		Lanham Act;
2		Judgment that Amazon has competed unfairly with WSI in violation of WSI's
3		rights under California law;
4		A permanent injunction enjoining Amazon from making, using, selling, or
5		offering to sell its infringing goods;
6		A permanent injunction enjoining Amazon from using the WILLIAMS
7		SONOMA mark in conjunction with its online retail services and otherwise
8		infringing or diluting WSI's marks;
9		 Damages, exemplary damages and disgorgement of profits in an amount to be
10		proven at trial;
11		 Enhancement of damages including treble damages required to be awarded for
12		trademark counterfeiting;
13		• Statutory damages of up to \$2,000,000 per counterfeit mark per type of goods
14		sold by Amazon.
15		A declaration that this is an exceptional case;
16		• Full costs, corrective advertising, attorneys' fees, and pre- and post-judgment
17		interest to the full extent permissible by law; and
18		• Such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.
19		If WSI's Supplemental Complaint is allowed, WSI will seek additional relief.
20		Amazon denies that WSI is entitled to any relief.
21	12.	SETTLEMENT
22		On March 10, 2020, the Parties attended a Settlement Conference with Judge Spero. The
23	case d	id not settle, however, the Parties continue to work on potential settlement. Specifically,
24	the Parties are continuing to negotiate non-monetary terms, had a follow up call with Judge Sperd	
25	on Ap	ril 7, 2020. On that call, Judge Spero set a schedule for the exchange of settlement

settlement proposal, but WSI was not able to turn around a revised draft until April 16, 2020.

proposals and scheduled a further conference for April 30, 2020. Dkt. 98. Judge Spero and the

Parties targeted April 10, 2020 for WSI to provide Amazon with its comments on Amazon's last

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Amazon was supposed to provide its response by no later than April 17, 2020, but in light of needing additional time, WSI has proposed that the Parties meet and confer next week to identify any remaining disputes in time to submit their statements to Judge Spero by April 27, as requested in advance of the April 30 conference.

13. CONSENT TO MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR ALL PURPOSES:

The Parties had previously consented to Magistrate Judge Laporte to conduct all proceedings prior to her retirement. The case was subsequently reassigned to Chief Magistrate Judge Spero and then to Magistrate Judge Tse. Dkts. 20, 21, 65, 81.

14. OTHER REFERENCES:

The Parties do not believe the case is suitable for reference to binding arbitration, a special master, the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation, or any other reference.

15. NARROWING OF ISSUES:

The Parties do not presently believe that the issues can be narrowed by suggestions to expedite the presentation of evidence at trial or bifurcate of issues, claims, or defenses.

16. EXPEDITED TRIAL PROCEDURES:

The Parties do not presently believe that this case can be handled on an expedited basis with streamlined procedures.

17. <u>SCHEDULING:</u>

The Court granted Parties' Joint Stipulated Motion to Extend All Case Deadlines on March 30, 2020. Dkt. 94. The current deadlines are as follows:

Event	Deadline
Non-Expert Discovery	June 24, 2020
Initial Expert Disclosures shall be no later	July 1, 2020
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Rebuttal Expert Disclosures shall be no later	July 31, 2020
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Expert Discovery	August 28, 2020
Dispositive motions	September 10, 2020
Oppositions to Dispositive Motions	October 1, 2020
Replies to Dispositive Motions	October 15, 2020
Last Day for Hearing Dispositive Motions	November 5, 2020 (or other date to be set
	by the Court)

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	Ever Jury	nt Trial	Deadline February 2021 (date to be set by the Court)
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3	18.	TRIAL:	
4		WSI has made a demand for a jury trial.	Trial is to be set for February 2021, or thereafter
5	at the	convenience of the Court. Dkt. 94.	
6	19.	DISCLOSURE OF NON-PARTY INT	ERESTED ENTITIES OR PERSONS:
7		The Parties have both filed their Certifica	ation of Interested Entities or Persons as required
8	by Ci	vil Local Rule 3-15. Plaintiff WSI represe	nted that it does not have a parent corporation and
9	that B	lackRock, Inc., a publicly held corporation	, owns ten percent (10%) or more of WSI's
10	stock.	Amazon represented that it does not have	a parent corporation and no publicly held
11	corporation owns ten percent (10%) or more of Amazon's stock.		Amazon's stock.
12	20.	PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT:	
13		All attorneys of record have reviewed the	e Guidelines for Professional Conduct for the
14	Northern District of California.		
15	21.	OTHER:	
16		There are no other issues to report at this	time.
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18	Dated	: April 17, 2020	ORRICK, HERRINGTON & SUTCLIFFE LLP
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